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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY,
DALLAS, TEXAS, NOVEMBER TWENTYTWO, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE.
MISC. - INFO CONCERNING. 00: DALLAS.

THE FOLLOWING INFO WAS CONTAINED IN AN ARTICLE APPEARING
IN THE RED FLASH EDITION OF THE NEW ORLEANS STATES-ITEM
NEWSPAPER DATED FEBRUARY TEN INSTANT:

PRIOR TO PERRY RAYMOND RUSSO BEING CALLED TO TESTIFY, THE
JUDGE HAGGERTY AT THE REQUEST OF THE DEFENSE ORDERED THAT
MINUTES OF THE PRELIMINARY HEARING HELD TWO YEARS AGO RESULTING
IN SHAW BEING HELD OVER FOR TRIAL BE MADE AVAILABLE TO THE
DEFENSE.

THE PROSECUTION THEN INTRODUCED A SERIES OF PICTURES AND
LEAFLETS WHICH INCLUDED PHOTOS OF OSWALD; HOWEVER, THE DEFENSE
OBJECTED TO THE INTRODUCTION OF A PHOTO OF A BLACK CADILLAC
AUTOMOBILE WHICH PREVIOUS WITNESSES HAVE SAID WAS SIMILAR TO
ONE THEY SAW IN CLINTON, LA., OCCUPIED BY A MAN THEY IDENTIFIED
AS SHAW. DEFENSE ALSO OBJECTED TO INTRODUCTION OF LEAFLETS
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PREVIOUSLY IDENTIFIED BY PROSECUTION WITNESSES AS BEING HANDED OUT IN FRONT OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE MART. THE COURT IN EACH CASE OVERRULED DEFENSE OBJECTIONS AND THE DEFENSE TOOK BILL OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULING.

RUSSO WAS THEN CALLED TO THE STAND AND GAVE HIS AGE AS TWENTYSEVEN, CURRENTLY RESIDING IN NEW ORLEANS AND EMPLOYED AS A BOOK SALESMAN.

UPON QUESTIONING BY THE PROSECUTION, RUSSO TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

HE FIRST MET DAVID FERRIE IN ABOUT NINETEEN SIXTYONE, AND PERIODICALLY THEREAFTER THROUGH NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, MET FERRIE ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS. HE SAW FERRIE EXTENSIVELY IN NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, WHEN FERRIE RESIDED ON LOUISIANA AVE. PKWY., NEW ORLEANS. DURING THE SUMMER OF NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HE WAS IN CONTACT WITH FERRIE AT LEAST TWICE A WEEK. RUSSO THEN TESTIFIED AS TO FERRIE'S PHYSICAL APPEARANCE.

RUSSO TESTIFIED THAT HE MET LEE HARVEY OSWALD AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, AND THAT DURING

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SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, HE WENT TO FERRIE'S APARTMENT PERHAPS THREE OF FOUR TIMES. ON ONE OF THESE OCCASIONS, FERRIE INTRODUCED TO RUSSO AN INDIVIDUAL AS LEON OSWALD, HIS ROOMMATE, AND THAT ON THIS OCCASION OSWALD WAS DIRTY IN HIS APPEARANCE. RUSSO THEN IDENTIFIED LEON OSWALD AS IDENTICAL TO LEE HARVEY OSWALD FROM PHOTOS. ON THIS OCCASION, RUSSO TESTIFIED HE OBSERVED OSWALD CLEANING A RIFLE AND THEREAFTER EXAMINED A LONG-BARRELLED RIFLE HANDED TO HIM BY THE PROSECUTION AND SAID THIS RIFLE WAS SIMILAR TO THE ONE WHICH HE HAD OBSERVED OSWALD CLEANING.

RUSSO THEN TESTIFIED THAT ON ANOTHER OCCASION IN SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTYTHREE, DURING THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH, HE WENT TO FERRIE'S APARTMENT AND OBSERVED EIGHT OR TEN INDIVIDUALS. HE DESCRIBED THREE OR FOUR OF THESE PERSONS AS EITHER LATINS OR CUBANS AND A COUPLE OF OTHER INDIVIDUALS INCLUDING ONE WELL DRESSED MAN. RUSSO THEN POINTED TO CLAY L. SHAW IN THE COURTROOM AS BEING THE WELL DRESSED MAN HE OBSERVED AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT.

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RUSSO SAID THAT SHAW WAS INTRODUCED TO HIM AT THE APARTMENT AS CLEM BERTRAND AND THAT HE HAD PREVIOUSLY OBSERVED THIS PERSON DURING DEDICATION CEREMONIES AT THE NASHVILLE AVE. WHARF AT WHICH PRESIDENT KENNEDY HAD SPOKEN. HE SAID WHAT IMPRESSED HIM ABOUT SHAW'S PRESENCE AT THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES WAS THAT DURING THE DEDICATION CEREMONIES SHAW NEVER DID LOOK AT AT THE PRESIDENT.

RUSSO THEN TESTIFIED THAT ON ONE OF THE OCCASIONS OF HIS BEING AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT AT WHICH FERRIE, OSWALD AND SHAW WERE PRESENT, THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ABOUT ASSASSINATING THE PRESIDENT. FERRIE TOLD THE OTHERS THAT THIS ASSASSINATION COULD BE ACCOMPLISHED WITH A TRIANGULATION OF CROSS-FIRE INVOLVING THREE PERSONS AND THAT ONE OF THESE THREE PERSONS WOULD HAVE TO BE A SCAPEGOAT. ^NOE SHOT COULD BE A DIVERSIONARY SHOT TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE POLICE AFTER WHICH THE OTHER TWO PERSONS COULD SHOOT TO KILL. FERRIE TOLD THOSE THAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO ESCAPE BY USING AN AIRPLANE AND EITHER FLYING TO MEXICO, BRAZILL OR CUBA. UPON HEARING THIS, SHAW ENTERED INTO

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THE CONVERSATION AND ^S STATED THAT THE AIRPLANE WOULD HAVE TO BE REFUELED IN FLIGHT. OSWALD THEN TOLD SHAW TO SHUT UP AS FERRIE IS A PILOT AND KNOWS WHAT HE IS DOING.

RUSSO CONTINUED TESTIFYING THAT FERRIE TOLD THOSE PRESENT THEY WOULD ALL NEED ALIBIS AND SHAW SAID THAT HE WOULD TAKE A BUSINESS TRIP TO THE WEST COAST. OSWALD DID NOT SAY ANYTHING.

RUSSO STATED THAT ON ANOTHER OCCASION HE WENT TO FERRIE'S APARTMENT WITH SOME FRIENDS FROM LOYALA UNIVERSITY BUT IN HIS TESTIMONY HE DID NOT LIST SANDRA MOFFETT AMONG THEM. RUSSO PREVIOUSLY TESTIFIED AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING THAT MOFFETT HAD ACCOMPANIED HIM TO FERRIE'S APARTMENT AT WHICH THE ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY WAS DISCUSSED. RUSSO SAID THAT AT THIS TIME MOFFETT WAS ONE OF SEVERAL GIRLS THAT HE HAD BEEN DATING.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT MOFFETT HAS INDICATED SHE COULD DESTROY RUSSO'S TESTIMONY BUT REFUSES TO COME TO NEW ORLEANS TO DO SO BECUASE SHE IS AFRAID OF DA GARRISON.

RUSSO TESTIFIED HE SAW SHAW AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT ON ANOTHER OCCASION DURING WHICH TIME OSWALD WAS ALSO PRESENT, THAT OSWALD AND FERRIE APPEARED TO BE IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION AND HE OVERHEARD OSWALD TELL FERRIE THAT HE WAS HAVING TROUBLE

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WITH HIS WIFE.

RUSSO TESTIFIED THAT A FEW DAYS LATER HE AGAIN SAW OSWALD AT FERRIE'S APARTMENT AND THIS TIME OSWALD WAS CLEAN AND NEAT APPEARING AND SAID THAT HE WAS LEAVING AND GOING TO HOUSTON.

RUSSO THEN STATED THAT IN EARLY PART OF NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, HE OBSERVED SHAW AND FERRIE TOGETHER AT FERRIE'S GAS STATION.

THE PROSECUTION THEN QUESTIONED RUSSO AS TO HOW HE GOT IN TOUCH WITH THE DA'S OFFICE AND RUSSO TESTIFIED AS FOLLOWS:

ABOUT FEBRUARY TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN, HE WROTE A LETTER TO THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE BUT DID NOT MAIL IT FOR ABOUT TWO DAYS. AS A RESULT ASSISTANT DA ANDREW SCIAMBRA ON FEBRUARY TWENTYFIVE CAME TO BATON ROUGE AND TALKED TO HIM. AT THIS TIME, HE IDENTIFIED PICTURES OF FERRIE, OSWALD, BERTRAND (SHAW) WHICH WERE EXHIBITED TO HIM BY SCIAMBRA. HE HAD NEVER HEARD THE NAME SHAW BEFORE AND IDENTIFIED A PHOTO OF SHAW AS CLEM BERTRAND. RUSSO TESTIFIED THAT DURING THIS INTERVIEW, HE DID NOT GO INTO GREAT DETAIL ABOUT THE MEETING IN FERRIE'S APARTMENT ATTENDED BY SHAW.

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THE PROSECUTION THEN BEGAN TO QUESTION RUSSO REGARDING THE CONVERSATION BETWEEN RUSSO AND JAMES PHELAN A WRITER FOR THE SATURDAY EVENING POST MAGAZINE ON MARCH TWENTYONE, NINETEEN SIXTYSEVEN. RUSSO TESTIFIED THAT HE HAD BEEN SHOWN A MEMORANDUM OF HIS INTERVIEW WITH ASSISTANT DA SCIAMBRA AND PHELAN POINTED OUT DISCREPANCIES BETWEEN THIS INTERVIEW AND HIS TESTIMONY AT THE PRELIMINARY HEARING.

THE DEFENSE OBJECTED AND COURT WAS RECESSED TO GIVE THE DEFENSE TIME TO STUDY THIS MEMORANDUM.

NO LHM BEING SUBMITTED.

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